

## Forton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at

### Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 7pm

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| <p><b>Present:</b><br/>Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Lesley Dodgson, Andrew Redmayne, Wes Wilson, Neil Wigglesworth, June Farebrother, Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker, County Cllr Matthew Salter.</p>  | Note |
| <p><b>In attendance:</b><br/>Mrs H Alcock - Clerk &amp; Responsible Finance Officer.</p>   | Note |
| <p><b>2007. Apologies for Absence:</b><br/>Cllr Sue Tresilian, PCSO Denise Creighton.</p>  | Note |
| <p><b>2008. Notification of Interests</b><br/>There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.</p>  | Note |
| <p><b>2009. Minutes of the last Meeting</b><br/>The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were confirmed and signed as a true record.</p>   | Note |
| <p><b>2010. Public Participation</b><br/>There were no members of the public present.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Walker confirmed she had been supporting Shireshead Cricket Club with difficulties finding funding for their club house extension.</p> <p>County Cllr Salter advised he had been in discussions with LCC about the possibility of a bollard at the end of the slope to the Laurus Homes play area on Hollins Lane, LCC had advised that there is not enough space in adopted highway and that the Parish Council should revert back to the developers.</p> <p>County Cllr Salter confirmed he has recently raised the A6 bus stop safety issues with new cabinet members and highways and the process will start again due to newly elected members involved in the casework system.</p> | Note |
| <p><b>2011. Planning</b><br/><b>Application Number:</b> 25/00442/FUL<br/><b>Proposal:</b> Proposed change of use of a roof on cattle housing, raising the height to match the adjacent building, and the installation of a roof mounted solar panels<br/><b>Location:</b> Forton Hall Farm, Ratcliffe Wharf Lane, Forton<br/><b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council <b>do not object</b> to this application</p>   | Note |
| <p><b>2012. New Community Hall Updates</b><br/>Cllr Redmayne advised that Cllr Tresilian and himself had attended the Village Hall Committees AGM. The Architect is unable to progress any further with the design until the renewable energy design has been agreed.</p>  | Note |

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| <p><b>2013. Finance</b></p> <p>The following payments for May were checked and agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy Website - £58.08</li> <li>• LALC – annual membership £328.39</li> <li>• Cllr Wigglesworth – expenses - £94.25</li> <li>• Cllr Dodgson – expenses - £19.99</li> <li>• Hollins Lane Methodist Church – Room Hire - £80</li> <li>• Clerks Wages - £376.08</li> <li>• Clerks expenses - £26.00</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk requested approval for the following payments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laburnum Nurseries Invoice 12241 - £76.44</li> <li>• Julie McLoughlin new tubs &amp; compost - £39.99</li> <li>• Zurich insurance £427.35</li> <li>• Cllr Young expenses - £13.50</li> <li>• Cllr Wigglesworth expenses - £91.19</li> <li>• Cllr Huddart expenses - £13.50</li> </ul>  | Note |
| <p><b>2014. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors</b></p> <p><u>Parish Maintenance</u></p> <p>Litter picking – May report received and circulated, a total of 16 bags have been collected.</p> <p>Cllr Dodgson advised that residents on Shireshead Gardens had received letters from LCC warning them of possible fines should any damage be reported from recent high-level branches being removed.</p> <p>Cllr Redmayne advised he had met John Wardale from Wyre Councils Environmental Team following reports of an abandoned caravan being dumped in Ratcliffe Wharf Lane. The caravan is due to be removed 4.6.25.</p> <p><u>SPID</u></p> <p>No updates this month.</p> <p><u>LALC</u></p> <p>No updates this month.</p>  | Note |
| <p><b>2015. Cllr Huddart updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flower tubs and grass area around war memorial is looking tidier since Cllr Wigglesworth has tended it. Alice Jesmont had advised that a neighbour of hers has promised to keep the area strimmed.</li> <li>• Tyres have now been removed from junction of School Lane / A6.</li> <li>• County representative – County Cllr M Salter has now been elected as Cabinet Member for Education &amp; Skills and confirmed he would still attend Parish Council meetings going forward.</li> <li>• Methodist church – no further updates.</li> <li>• S106 training was attended by Cllrs Huddart, Cllr Dodgson &amp; Cllr Young. Local Plan consultation findings will be issued in Spring 2026.</li> <li>• UU Surface water removal – drop-in session to be held at Forton Village Hall on 5.6.25 from 3pm – 7pm.</li> </ul> |      |

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| <p><b>2016. Clerks updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree planting licence for strip of land at junction of School Lane / A6 has been submitted to Wyre Council</li> <li>• Bin Survey – Wyre Council confirmed that they would not be looking to instal any more bins in Hollins Lane</li> </ul>  | Note |
| <p><b>2017. Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Huddart advised she had been in touch with Jigsaw (Social Housing provider on Cricketer’s Green site) who advised there are 18 x 2-bed houses and 7 x 3-bed affordable houses available in total. All applicants must have a local connection to Wyre, Fylde or Blackpool.</li> <li>• Cllrs Dodgson &amp; Cllr Redmayne gave their apologies in advance of next month’s meeting.</li> <li>• Cllr Dodgson advised that David Battarbee has agreed to open &amp; close the Methodist Hall for next month’s meeting in her absence.</li> </ul> | Note |
| <p><b>2018. Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting(s)</b><br/>The date of the next meeting is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7pm. Items for the agenda and reports, to reach the Clerk before 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025.</p>  | Note |
| <p>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.55pm</p>  | Note |

**Minutes prepared by:** ..... Hilary Alcock (Clerk)

**Approved by:** ..... Janet Huddart (Chairman)

**Date:** .....